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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, UNSC, RH

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: WESTERN FIVE DISCUSSION ON DRAFT SC
RESOLUTIONS

1. WESTERN FIVE MARCH 10 DISCUSSED DRAFT RESOLUTION PRE-
PARED IN LONDON AFTER UKUN RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO DO
SO IN LIGHT OF STRONG FEELING EXPRESSED IN GROUP,
ESPECIALLY BY CANADA, THAT WESTERN AGREEMENT ON A DRAFT
WAS REQUIRED FOR PURPOSES OF CONSULTATIONS WITH AFRICANS.
AFRICANS AGREED ON THEIR TEXT IN COURSE OF DAY, HAVE
BEGUN TO CONSULT WITH OTHERS, AND HOPE TO TABLE DEFINI-
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TIVE DRAFT MONDAY. IT BECAME INCREASINGLY CLEAR
DURING DAY THAT FIVE MUST MOVE QUICKLY IF WE ARE TO
INFLUENCE FINAL TEXT.

2. US (MCHENRY) AND CANADA (BARTON) SUGGESTED THAT TEXT
AS PRESENTED BY UKUN WOULD ENCOUNTER IMMEDIATE CRITICISM
FROM AFRICANS ON TWO GROUNDS: ABSENCE OF ANY EXPLICIT

REFERENCE TO ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND ABSENCE OF ANY MENTION OF SALISBURY AGREEMENT. WHILE SUPPORT FOR AAP AND CRITICISM OF SHORTCOMINGS OF SALISBURY AGREEMENT ARE IMPLICIT IN DRAFT, IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT TO PERSUADE AFRICANS OF OUR DESIRE TO NEGOTIATE TEXT SERIOUSLY.

3. RICHARD (UK) SUGGESTED AND ALL AGREED TO INSERT AFTER "FURTHER DECLARES" IN OPERATIVE PARA 3 "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS". HE ALSO SUGGESTED AND ALL AGREED TO THE INSERTION OF "AND MANEUVERS" IN OPERATIVE PARA 1, AFTER "TO PURSUE POLICIES". THESE TWO CHANGES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO TEXT FORWARDED SEPTEL.

4. AFTER DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS FORMULATIONS RE SALISBURY AGREEMENT, ALL OF WHICH BRITISH REJECTED, RICHARD PROPOSED FOLLOWING, WHICH WOULD BE INSERTED AS NEW OPERATIVE PARA AFTER OPERATIVE PARA 3: "CONSIDERS THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT SIGNED AT SALISBURY ON 3 MARCH 1978 ARE INADEQUATE IN TERMS OF THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN PARA 3 ABOVE;". WITH SUPPORT OF OTHERS RICHARD AGREED TO SEND THIS TEXT TO LONDON, INDICATING THAT WESTERN FIVE IN NEW YORK CONSIDER THIS CHANGE NECESSARY IF OUR SUGGESTIONS ARE TO MEET WITH ANY RECEPTIVITY AMONG AFRICANS. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL WERE SPEAKING AD
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REFERENDUM TO CAPITALS AND WOULD EVEN NEED TO STUDY LANGUAGE IN MISSIONS.

5. FIVE ALSO AGREED THAT, ONCE AUTHORIZATION OBTAINED FROM GOVTS, TEXT WOULD NOT BE PUT FORTH AS BRITISH PAPER. POSSIBILITY OF CANADIANS TAKING LEAD WAS SUGGESTED. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT WE WOULD INDICATE THAT WESTERN FIVE HAVE BEEN CONSULTING ON ELEMENTS OF A RESOLUTION AND MIGHT HAVE "PIECE OF PAPER" TO DISCUSS WITH OTHERS BY MONDAY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: ASSUMING BRITISH OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION AS AMENDED ABOVE, REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN IN CONSULTATIONS WITH AFRICANS AND OTHERS ON BASIS OF PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THIS TEXT. IN LIGHT OF PACE WITH WHICH AFRICAN RESOLUTION IS MOVING TO FINAL FORM, WE CONSIDER IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE ACT WITHOUT DELAY IF OUR SUGGESTIONS ARE TO HAVE IMPACT.
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